

**DECLARATION UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR
PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

米国特許向けPCT出願用米国法第35章371条(c)(4)項に基づく特許出願宣言書

Japanese Language Declaration

私は、下欄に氏名を記載した発明者として、以下のとおり宣言する:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

下記名称の発明に関し、特許請求の範囲に記載し、特許を求める主題の本来の、最初にして唯一の発明者である(一人の氏名のみが下欄に記載されている場合)か、もしくは本来の、最初にして共同の発明者である(複数の氏名が下欄に記載されている場合)と信ずる。

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled:

STAGE DRIVE METHOD AND STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

前記発明は下記番号および提出日を有する国際出願として記載および請求されたものである。

described and claimed in the international application with the following number and filing date:

Number (番号): PCT/JP2005/001076

Filing Date (提出日): January 27, 2005

私は、特許請求項(前記に補正が記載されている際、それをも含む)を含む前記明細書の内容を検討し、理解したことを陳述する。

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

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Under Title 35, United States Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

Prior foreign and/or provisional applications
先行外国出願/仮出願

2004-025837
(Number/番号)

Japan
(Country/国名)

2/February/2004
(Day/Month/Year Filed/提出年月日)

2004-300566
(Number/番号)

Japan
(Country/国名)

14/October/2004
(Day/Month/Year Filed/提出年月日)

(Number/番号)

(Country/国名)

(Day/Month/Year Filed/提出年月日)

(Number/番号)

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(Day/Month/Year Filed/提出年月日)

この発明に関する特許もしくは発明者証用の下記の出願が、(a)私の国際出願提出される前の一年前以内もしくは(b)上記外国優先出願の提出日前に米国以外の国で提出されたものである:

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to my international application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s):

(Application Serial No./出願番号)

(Filing Date/提出日)

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現状: 特許成立、係属中、放棄済み)

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この出願に関する書類送付先は下欄のとおりである:

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I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this Declaration, and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: STAGE DRIVE METHOD AND STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

**TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.

In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NIKON CORPORATION is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any powers of attorney previously given.

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appoints the patent practitioners associated with Oliff & Berridge, PLC Customer Number 25944 to represent it before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with any and all U.S. patent applications assigned to the above-named assignee.

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